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SENATE BILL 970

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR AN INTENSIVE
READING AND LANGUAGE INTERVENTION PILOT PROGRAM; MAKING AN
APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. INTENSIVE READING AND LANGUAGE INTERVENTION
PILOT PROGRAM.--

A. The public education department shall establish
a pilot program in which a contractor provides a participating
school with intensive reading and language intervention for
participating students. The department shall adopt criteria
for the application by and selection of schools to participate
in the pilot program.

B. The public education department shall adopt
criteria for the selection of a contractor to provide the pilot

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1 program that include neuroscience-based, scientifically
2 validated methods, interventions and instructional tools that
3 have been proven to accelerate learning, cognitive ability and
4 language proficiency.

5 C. A school participating in the pilot program
6 shall select students to participate in the program. A
7 participating school shall assess each selected student before
8 the student enters and after the student leaves the pilot
9 program to measure the student's progress.

10 D. Not later than October 1, 2009, the public
11 education department shall provide the legislative education
12 study committee with a report describing the assessment of
13 student progress from participation in the pilot program.

14 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--One million dollars
15 (\$1,000,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
16 public education department for expenditure in fiscal years
17 2008 and 2009 to establish a reading and language intervention
18 pilot program. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
19 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the
20 general fund.